

Interview Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	09/924,725	ARAKAWA, NAOTO	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Thomas J. Lett	2626	

All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

- (1) Thomas J. Lett. (3) Frank Cire.
 (2) Kimberly Williams. (4) ____.

Date of Interview: 14 December 2005.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
 c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.
 If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 1 and 5.

Identification of prior art discussed: Pepin et al (USPN 6,151,131 A).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.


(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.



**KIMBERLY WILLIAMS
 SUPERVISORY PATENT EXAMINER**

Examiner Note: You must sign this form unless it is an Attachment to a signed Office action.


 Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Mr. Cire emphasized that the placeholder feature as taught by Pepin et al is not related to the concept of placing images at predetermined positions amongst data or "placemaking" as disclosed in the instant application. The Examiner will reconsider Pepin et al in view of the discussion and a proposed amendment upon Applicant's response. Examiner considers the placeholder feature of Pepin et al as analogous to the placemaking feature of the Applicant as the apparatus of Pepin et al also arranges resources. Examiner would also like the Applicant to see col. 6, lines 19-35 with regards to the job handling of images. Examiner notes that Pepin et al places images amongst the data in a print job. In addition, if the image data to be placed amongst the data is not available, the placeholder feature allows images to be placed when the image data becomes available(col. 9, lines 21-54).